

On the other hand it would serve the possibility of determining some problems that exist out there dealing with those at a younger age and those are the sorts of things that could never show up in a fiscal note. You know, what's the fiscal note of identifying a problem at an early age and dealing with it and not having to have a person institutionalized for the rest of their life, and you can't write a fiscal note for that sort of thing. But I think we just need to be reminded that this is not a first year of a program that we're instituting and will naturally build on itself. If we decide after the pilot program, and correct me if I'm wrong, Senator Rasmussen, if we decide after running the program, pilot program, that we wish to broaden it, that we will have to come back with a bill for legislative authorization at that point. Is that correct? That is correct. So I understand the argument about how when you create an agency and it's an ongoing agency and you say, we only need one person to staff it and five years later you have 30 or 40 people running around and it has become from a \$50,000 A bill to a million dollar A bill, I understand those arguments. This is one that cannot naturally grow on its own and I think that's an important distinction that those are concerned about the slippery slide to the big government program, I don't think have the concern here on this one.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Rasmussen, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, thank you. I just want to expand a little bit on what Senator Withem is saying that, I'm not going to say that I'm not going to come back next year. It's my hope that we have a real solid plan that we come back with and, yes, it is going to cost money. At this point I know we don't have the money and that there are a lot of benefits that could come from a demonstration project. I think it's real important to realize that one of the things that we're talking about in this program is service coordination and many, many people are realizing that if we would coordinate the systems that we already have in place, that we'd be a lot more efficient with the dollars that we are using. One of the things that is happening is because people aren't watching and are aware of what each other is doing, we get a lot of duplication of the way we're using our dollars. I was asked to review a grant about a year ago about infant mortality and they started talking about screening young children for handicaps and they started talking about child development information being given to parents and I